MICROPOWER INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIER — POWER DRAIN ≤ 3mW WITH ±5 VOLT SUPPLIES

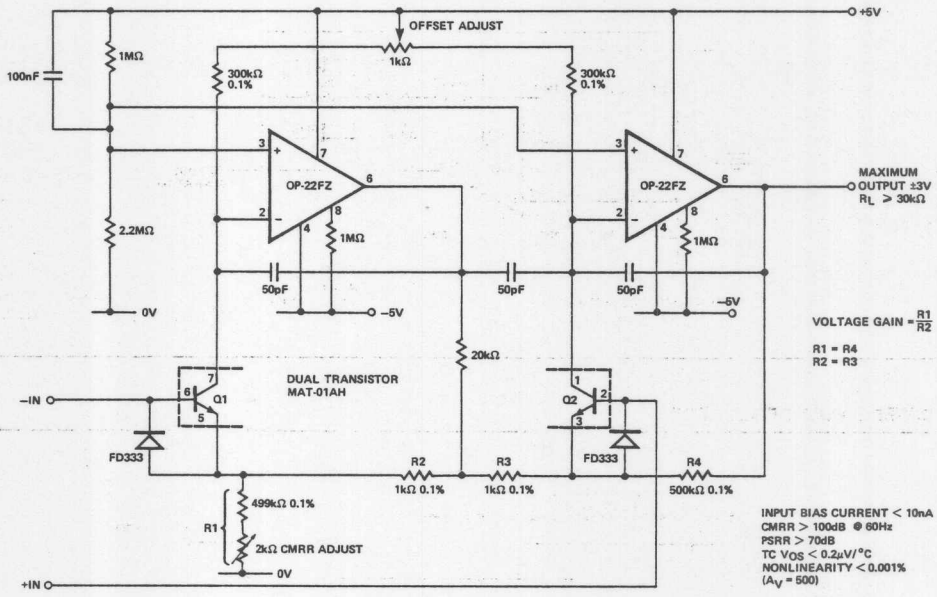

Figure 3

In Figure 2, the OP-22 is used as a gated amplifier where power consumption and bandwidth are controllable. R_S can be selected for a specific lower-power operation or omitted so the amplifier can be completely shut down.

A micropower instrumentation amplifier that consumes less than 3mW with ±5V supplies is shown in Figure 3. Offset voltage drift is less than 0.2μV/°C and common-mode input range is ±3V with CMRR of over 100dB at 60Hz.

Process control systems use two-wire 4-20mA current transmitters when sending analog signals through noisy environments. The "zero" or "offset" current of 4mA may be used to power the transmitter signal conditioning amplifiers and/or excite a d.c. transducer. This allows remote signal conditioning without having a remote power source. Power is provided at the receiving end where the signal current is monitored by a precision 50Ω resistor. The 4-20mA transmitter shown in Figure 4 has high stability, excellent linearity, and generates the 4-20mA current output. A 5V reference is available for powering transducers and micropower amplifiers at a maximum current of 2mA.

TWO TERMINAL 4-20mA TRANSMITTER

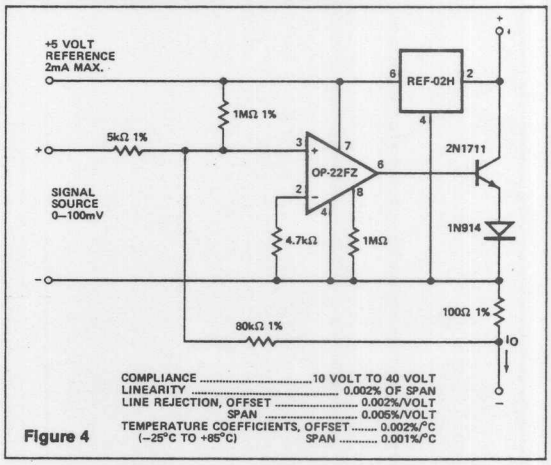

Figure 4